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RELIGIOUS CIRCLES IN PEIPING ISSUE
PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING WORLD PEACE

Peiping, 29 April (Hsin-hua) -- Members of religious circles in Peiping, headed by Wu Yao-tsung, released the following proclamation in absolute support of the World Congress for the Preservation of Peace:

We hereby resolve to support the announcement of the permanent committee of the World Congress for the Preservation of Peace which demands unconditional outlawing of atomic weapons, and brands as a war criminal the first government which uses atomic weapons.

At present, the people of the world have two paths to travel: one leads to war and destruction, the other leads to the creation of a peaceful world. Except for the US imperialistic warmongers and a small number of their sympathizers, the people of the world have already chosen the road which leads to the creation of a peaceful world, a determination which cannot be shaken either by agitations or rumors from imperialistic warmongers.

In the midst of ever-growing anti-imperialistic movements of the people of the world, China is in an extremely important position. She has been subjected to invasions by imperialistic nations during the past 100 years; more recently, she has suffered incalculable damage and destruction during the 8 years of war with Japan and the 4 years of civil war which followed. However, the success of a speedy Chinese revolution has turned the tide in favor of peace-loving nations. This has taken the imperialists by surprise and left them without applicable countermeasures, in confusion and disappointment. But their furious war preparations continue. Under these circumstances, our struggle for eternal world peace must not be slackened. We shall consolidate a large mass of people, we shall teach them the truth of imperialistic ideology, and we shall lead them to become powerful supporters of world-peace movements.

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If we desire a peaceful world and want to keep it peaceful, we must stand firmly by the side of a defender of world peace, the USSR, and all other democratic and peace-loving nations which represent one third of the world's population. There are many peace-loving people still oppressed by imperialistic rule who have a firm determination to rise with the antiwar movement and support the peace.

We not only oppose the use of atomic weapons, but we oppose bacteriological warfare; we oppose imperialistic propaganda to agitate war; we oppose the parole of German and Japanese war criminals; we oppose the suppression of independence and peace movements of people in colonies under imperialistic rule; we oppose atrocities imposed upon the courageous democratic men and women who engage in the promotion of peace movements in imperialistic nations; and we oppose all imperialistic fascism.

Our work, the work of religious circles, is to prevent the infiltration of imperialism, to expel imperialistic influences from our nation, and to expose completely and attack vigorously the sins and evil doings which are carried out in the name of various religious and relief organizations sponsored by imperialistic nations.

We, the ministers of religion and humanity, call upon all Christians, Buddhist, Mohammedans, and those who believe in other religions to utilize their most effective means to rise with all the peace-loving people of the world for the preservation of world peace, for the attainment of racial independence, and for the realization of a people's democracy. Signed:

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